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## Gigantic Two-Day Carnival Slated for Fourth, Fifth

Responding to the cries for amusements, residents of Manzanar will be treated to a gigantic carnival which will be held in firebreak 16 and 17 tomorrow and Monday. This long-anticipated affair will open at 2 p.m. tomorrow afternoon and is scheduled for opening at 6 p.m. the following day with a carnival dance climaxing the two-day event at messhall 16.

## PROPERTY OWNERS CONTEST ACTIONS

KASLO, Canada, June 2—In a hurriedly called meeting, the Japanese Amalgamated Property Owners' Association of Canada recently rendered final decision to proceed court actions to contest the legality of their property liquidation by the Government.

In the past half a century of somewhat troubled life in the northern country, the Japanese-Canadians encountered numerous instances of test cases in the highest court, in the legislative building, in the local council halls. Although they did not meet with successes, those cases are looked upon to serve as milestones that will mark their long and rocky road to citizenship as surely as this present action will be noted on the record as a fight for democratic principles involving Canadians of every birth.

In view of ultimate success, the Property Owners' Association warned the people of the long, hard and expensive fight ahead. The whole-hearted support of every evacuee was also emphasized by the committee.

## NEW CHANGES IN PAYROLL MADE

Changes in the payroll and timekeeping procedures put into effect as a result of teletypes from Washington received at project director's office within the last few months have been incorporated in an Administrative Instruction released by WRA on June 10.

The instruction states that any worker absent for more than three days must secure a doctor's certificate and limits sick leave to fifteen days for any one illness.

Outside workers, except those paid on a part-time basis, who report for duty and in the judgment of the division head are unable to work because of weather conditions, will be given authorized absence for the day and will be paid for such time, but workers excused for reasons other than illness or bad weather will be given "leave without pay" and will not be paid for such time.

The instruction also provides that evacuees inducted into the Army may receive money payments for overtime worked before their departure from the center: in all other instances overtime must be taken in compensatory leave.

To insure that correct daily time records are being kept, the instruction authorizes the Finance Section to make periodic audit.

## School

### GOOD NEWS?

Hate to remind you but don't forget young 'uns, good ole school again come September 14th.

## Senior Graduation Planned Tonight

One hundred and fifteen summer graduates and eighty-three winter graduates of Manzanar High School, wearing royal blue caps and gowns will gather for the last time as a group and receive their diplomas at the second Commencement exercises tonight on the new stage between firebreaks 16-17.

Senior class president, Yoshikatsu Nakayama will give the welcome speech following Invocation by Rev. Amos Kashitani. Valedictorians will be Roy Toda speaking on "Commencement—July 3, 1943" and Chizuko Sakuma, "Our Next Step—Relocation" while Yoshiaki Nakayama's topic will be "The Problem of Minority Groups."

Highlighting the evening's exercises will be Project Director Ralph P. Merritt's address.

The high school choir will give a repeat performance of "Ballads for Americans," and vocal solos will be rendered by Mary Kageyama singing "Shubert's Serenade" and Karie Shindo, "Ave Maria."

Superintendent of Education, Dr. Genevieve Carter will present diplomas to the class who in turn will be presented to the audience by Principal Leon C. High.

Following the commencement the graduates will be honored at a reception sponsored by the PTA at Mess Hall No. 1.

## High School Elects Nishimura President

Manzanar Senior and Junior High Schools held elections for student body offices for the fall semester, last week.

Officers for the Senior High School are: president, George Nishimura; boys' vice-president, Seizo Tanibata; girls' vice-president, Yoshiko Kusunoki; secretary, Haruko Uyeda; treasurer, Grace Nishi; girls' athletic manager, Chiyeko Hiraoka; boys' athletic manager, Takashi Osumi; and yell leader, Tom Hashimoto.

Officers for the Junior High are: president, Mamoru Ogi; girls' vice-president, Mary Hiram; boys' vice-president, Yukio Takikawa; secretary, Reiko Kubota; and treasurer, Herbert Amamoto.

"In many instances, the voting was very close in the election," stated Mary Jean Kramer, head of the Election Committee.

## OBERLIN PRAISES NISEI STUDENTS

OBERLIN, Ohio—Expressing its friendship for Japanese-American students at Oberlin College, the Oberlin News-Tribune said in a leading editorial: "As the school year nears its close it is appropriate that we in Oberlin should be conscious of the fact that not once since their arrival on the college campus last fall have we had cause to regret the friendly welcome we extended at that time to the group of nisei students who have become our fellow Oberlinites. Though of Japanese ancestry, they have in every way behaved according to the best traditions of the land of their birth and rearing and citizenship—the United States. We hope that the nisei themselves have found the people of Oberlin to be as genuinely American in their attitudes as the nisei have proved to be."

## MORE LINGUISTS NEEDED SOON

Army has announced a plan in line with the total war effort whereby the nisei will be given an opportunity to participate actively in the National Defense effort by utilizing most effectively the special abilities possessed by them. This plan embraces the expansion of the School at Savage by recruiting patriotic nisei from the various centers for training and was instituted by the authorities with the object of aiding the nisei to find their place in American society.

The loyalty of hte nisei was recognized by the authorities and in rapid succession many plans endorsing this recognition of their loyalty and invaluableness in the war effort were activated, such as the formation of the Nisei Combat team and, presently, their employment in war industries. Thus at this time, the School at Savage, Minnesota, which trains Japanese Language personnel will expand in order

to enroll all nisei who have any knowledge of Japanese and give them the opportunity to serve their country.

### CONTRIBUTION

With the spread of war to the Pacific, the nisei graduates of the school are fulfilling an indispensable position as specialist personnel in the Army in every sector of the Pacific war front. With the prolongation of the war, the demand for nisei technicians on every front has greatly increased due to the conspicuous contribution they have made wherever they have gone, and as an inevitable result, this demand has called for a rapid expansion of the school.

Due to the nature of their work, the efforts of the Nisei technicians on the front have not been publicized. Nevertheless their splendid efforts to pave the way for the American citizens of Japanese ancestry have been such as to warrant reports of a nisei pri-

## Labor Union Adopts Resolution Supporting Relocation Program

Resolution below was adopted by the Washington Industrial Union Council of the C.I.O. on last June 7. Not only was the resolution passed by unanimous vote of all delegates present—shoe workers, office workers, transport workers, federal workers, cafeteria workers—but it received their enthusiastic acclaim. This powerful body, representing all C.I.O. members in the nation's capitol, is the first large group in the city to come out in positive support of the relocation program and to welcome American people of Japanese descent into its ranks as fully participating members of a democratic organization.

"WHEREAS, 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry were involuntarily removed from the Pacific Coast military areas last year, regardless of citizenship and loyalty to the government of the United States, and are now confined in relocation centers under the supervision of the War Relocation Authority, and

"WHEREAS, the War Relocation Authority is carrying out a program of helping the people so confined to find gainful employment outside the centers, and

"WHEREAS, this program helps to utilize more fully the nation's manpower during this period of national war emergency and sustains the democratic rights of residents of this land, and

"WHEREAS, a smear campaign recently undertaken by the Dies Committee on Un-American Activities and the Hearst press against the War Relocation Authority and every American resident of Japanese descent has the effect of arousing fear and hatred of the American people against persons of Japanese descent, regardless of loyalty to this country and to the democratic way of life, and of diverting attention from a Second Front in Europe this year, and

"WHEREAS, a number of persons of Japanese ancestry released from Relocation Centers have found employment in the (Continued on Page Two)

## Events Planned In Buddhist Meeting

At the block representative and cabinet meeting of the Young Buddhist Association, Wednesday, following results took place: Toshiye Higashida replaced Kiyo Nishimori as women's vice-president; Joanne Fukuda replaced Toshiye Higashida as recording secretary and Yoshiya Okumura replaced Bob Minami as auditor.

The regular "Shotsu-ki" service scheduled for the first Sunday of every month has been postponed to July 11 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting of the Buddhist council ("Sewanin-kai") set for Thursday, has been postponed to July 8.

## ELMER SHIRRELL QUELLS RUMORS ABOUT CHICAGO

Rumors circulating around this center to the effect that no further indefinite leaves are being issued to Chicago due to a desperate housing situation "is misleading," according to Chicago Relocation Supervisor Elmer L. Shirrell, who expressed concern over this matter and hoped that steps will be taken to dispel it.

Shirrell believes that the rumor originated when he sent a teletype to Manzanar requesting that only certain persons be sent to Chicago from June 20 to 30 due to the Furniture Convention in that city.

## CHURCH COUNCIL PLEADS FOR NISEIS

"Every effort to resettle the Japanese-Americans should be made now" and "further invasion of the rights of citizens and unquestionably loyal resident Japanese jeopardizes the national unity and dangerously raises the racial issue as a barrier to a just and durable peace," is the opinion expressed by the Northern California Council of Churches in a letter to President Roosevelt on June 7.

The Council told the President of the recent statement attributed to Senator Buck of Delaware, "All the people with whom I talked in California vigorously opposed the return of Japanese" does not represent "the feeling of a genuine cross-section of Californians." As a matter of fact, the letter said, anti-Japanese statements "supposedly made by persons in responsible positions" and frequently reported in the "leading newspapers of California" are "open to serious question."

## REMINDER ISSUED ON PARK RULES

"All residents must secure passes to the picnic areas from their respective block managers," reiterated Block Assembly Chairman Kiyoharu Anzai yesterday.

"Passes for special group picnics are to be secured at the Town Hall. These special groups would include such outings as those in which participants come from several different blocks," he declared.

Anzai concluded that "Passes to these areas outside of the designated picnic zones may be secured at Town Hall."

## NAIL WARNS OF BOUNDARY LINES

Commandant of Military Police, Capt. Donald Nail, instructs residents not to go under the fence to go after baseballs, golf balls, or for any other purpose. When a resident finds it necessary to go outside the area, they must use the gates and secure permission from the M.P. on duty. Captain Nail has received orders to enforce this rule.

## YWCA ANNOUNCE LIBRARY OPENING

Starting July 1, 1943 all YWCA books and magazines have been loaned out on a library basis. All over-due books will be charged 1 cent for every over-due day. Magazines and fiction books are due in 7 days; reference books are due the day after borrowing.

### CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

In achieving this end the nisei are serving their nation most effectively as specialist personnel on graduation from the school.